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Commissioner of Fisheries,
Washington, D.C.

There were four Salteries operating on the Lower Yukon River this season. Delta Fish Company situated about two miles above entrance to Kwiguk Slough. J.J.Stokes about four miles below entrance to Aproka Pass. William O'Connor four miles above entrance to Akularak Slough, and The Fuller Fish Company, located at mouth of Andraofsky River.

The Delta Fish Company were the best prepared of any of them. Although their pack was small, they had the largest output of any saltery on the river. In all there were five men working at this saltery. They were the only outfit that salted in tanks and afterwards transferred their pack of fish to barrels. During the run of Chums they sold their catch to the Cannery, and they only salted Kings and Silvers. All of their pack was shipped to the states.

Their camp last season was at the mouth of the Annuk River. At the time I left the mouth of the river they were trying to dispose of their outfit, and if successful they would not come back to the Yukon next season.

J.J.Stokes and Brother did not get their outfit over from St. Michaels untill the first of July, then the storms, high water and drift-wood kept them from fishing untill the King run was over.

Their pack was disposed of on the local market.

William O'Connor had two men with him part of the time, but on account of the shortage of barrels and salt, most of his catch was sold to the Cannery. He put up three ton of dog fish, which was sold on the local market.

Fuller Fish Company have gone to considerable expense fitting up their saltery. They intend to cure dog fish on a large scale next season. Owing to their not getting the barrels and salt in this season the bulk of their catch was sold to the Cannery, as long as the Carlisle boats were running up to Andreacofsky. Part of their pack was sent outside, and the balance sold on the local market.

John Lamont has a complete outfit of barrels, salt, and fishing gear on the river, ready to start up next spring.

I would consider all of these outfits sure of operating next season, with the exception of The Delta Fish Company.

These Salteries could have increased their pack to quite an extent, had they salted the Chums instead of selling them to the Cannery, and depending upon the run of Silvers which did not come.

respectfully,

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